

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...  
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

Sunday, July 21, 2024  
9:30 AM  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

REFLECTION

*"In the midst of these desperate people stands "the One" who is able to meet the demands of "the many." His compassion leads him to teach when he is weary, touch and heal when he wants to be alone, and feed thousands when he himself is hungry."*

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Bridges Johns, "Feasting on the Word"

PRELUDE

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our shepherd, we will not want.

**God makes us lie down in green pastures; the Lord leads us beside still waters.**

God restores our souls and leads us in right paths.

**Even when we walk in the darkest valleys, we have no fear, for God is with us.**

The Lord prepares a table before us, our cups overflow.

**Goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives.**

\*HYMN NO. 310

*"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

ST. THOMAS

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls.  
Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace. In his name, our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## \*RESPONSE AFTER ASSURANCE

HYMN NO. 582

*“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”*

GLORY TO GOD

1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
2. World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end, Amen.  
World without end, without end, Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## \*WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHILDREN’S PRAYER RESPONSE

*“Amen”*

Loonis McGlohan

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:17-22

Page 181, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Love in Any Language”*

Jon Mohr & John Mays

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Page 38, NT

SERMON

*“Rushing to the Hospital”*

Rev. Chris Houtz

\*HYMN NO. 187

*“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

BRADBURY

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERING

RESPONSE TO OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of green pastures and still waters, bless these gifts that we have been given that they may become part of your banquet for the world. Amen.**

SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN NO. 526

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

LINSTEAD

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

Hal H. Hopson

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*\* Please rise in body or in spirit*

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. Chris Houtz, Pastor, Head of Staff  
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music  
Alan Smulen, Bass  
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer  
Dennis Velez, Assistant AV Engineer  
Matthew Califf & Michael Sperrazza, AV Team

✝ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

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